

Sieur La Verand rie who also asked for the re-establishment of that Post, in order to place us in a position to Establish a Trade with the assiniboels and the Christinaux¹ through whose country we must pass to discover the Western sea. Moreover, As this Post occasions no fresh expense to his Majesty, The Sieur De Beauharnois came more readily to the determination of re-establishing it and the reasons that led Him to hasten this re-establishment are in accordance with what You do him The honor of writing to him on the subject.

We append to this a copy of the agreement made by the Sieur De Beauharnois with the Voyageurs who have undertaken to convey the Commandant and The missionary there, and which is similar to that entered into when the post was first established.

[In a document (Archives of Minist re des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. g n., vol. 57, c. 11, fol. 231") which is a copy of this year's report for the use of the government, with answers annexed, this additional matter is found: "Of the first October, 1731. Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois writes that those voyageurs represented to him that as the trade of that Post is given to them only for 3 years, they cannot indemnify themselves for the expenses they are obliged to incur in connection with that Establishment, *if they are not allowed the privilege for a 4th year.* As he did not wish to change anything in the first agreement, he contented himself with telling them that he would ask for orders On the subject. He observes that those traders Are about the same as those who commenced this Establishment and that the compulsory evacuation of that post caused 'hem great loss, for which they might be indemnified by granting their request.'" On the margin of both portions relating to the Sioux, is written: "Approved."]

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The Sieur de Beauharnois has also the honor to assure his Majesty that the latter will Continue to be satisfied with his efforts in keeping savages who are allies of France in his interests and in maintaining peace and tranquillity between those Nations. He observes with pleasure that both now reign in

¹For the origin and location of these tribes, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, p. 189.—Ed.